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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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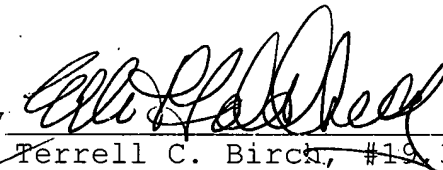
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2001.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An exhaust gas purifying apparatus of an
internal combination engine, comprising:

exhaust gas purifying means, having a function of a three-way catalyst
provided in an exhaust passage of the internal combustion engine, for
absorbing NO_x in an exhaust gas when an air-fuel ratio of the exhaust gas is
lean, and means for releasing or reducing the absorbed NO_x when an oxygen
concentration of the exhaust gas is reduced;

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